

DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

SYDNEY EASTERN CITY PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF DETERMINATION	Thursday, 19 July 2018
PANEL MEMBERS	John Roseth (Chair), Peter Brennan, Louise Camenzuli, Stephen Bargwanna
APOLOGIES	Carl Scully, Bill Gawne
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Sue Francis

Public meeting held at Waverley Council Chambers, corner of Bondi Road and Paul Street on 19 July 2018, opened at 2:00 pm, with this matter beginning at 4:00 pm and closed at 5:45 pm.

MATTER DETERMINED

2018SCL028 – Waverley – DA533/2017

28-34 Bronte Road, 36 Bronte Road, 38 Bronte Road, 40-42 Bronte Road, 84 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction Partial demolition of buildings and the construction of a 13 storey mixed use building including 124 residential apartments, 200m2 of retail floor space, a registered club at ground and first floor levels and four levels of basement parking

PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered: the matters listed at item 6, the material listed at item 7 and the material presented at meetings and the matters observed at site inspections listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

The Panel adjourned during the meeting to deliberate on the matter and formulate a resolution.

The Panel determined to refuse the development application pursuant to section 4.16 (previously section 80) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The decision was unanimous.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- The Panel accepts the recommendation of the assessment report to refuse the application for the principal reason that it exceeds the height control by 42% or three floors.
- The applicant has submitted a request under cl 4.6 of the Waverley LEP 2012 to vary the height control; however, in the Panel's opinion, there is no justification for the variation.
- The Panel accepts that it would be difficult to design a mainly residential development on this site that complies with both the height and reaches the FSR limit. This is because residential development requires substantial separation distances from other sites. However, both the height control and the FSR control apply to this site and not being able to reach the full development potential of the site is not a sufficient reason for abandoning the height control.
- The Panel notes that in the applicant's cl 4.6 submission other buildings are mentioned for which the height control has been varied. This only underlines how, if a variation were allowed on this site, it would make it more difficult to continue applying the height control in the B4 zone in which the site is located.
- The Panel is aware that the applicant has submitted amended drawings which respond to some of the criticisms made by the council's Design Excellence Panel. The amended drawings do not

change the proposed height, so they do not contribute to resolving the major issue with this proposal. For that reason, a deferral of the application would serve no useful purpose.

CONDITIONS

Not applicable.

PANEL MEMBERS		
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John Roseth (Chair)	Louise Camenzuli	
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Peter Brennan	Stephen Bargwanna	

SCHEDULE 1			
1	PANEL REF – LGA – DA NO.	2018SCL028 – Waverley – DA533/2017	
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Partial demolition of buildings and the construction of a 13 storey mixed use building including 124 residential apartments, 200m2 of retail floor space, a registered club at ground and first floor levels and four levels of basement parking	
3	STREET ADDRESS	28-34 Bronte Road, 36 Bronte Road, 38 Bronte Road, 40-42 Bronte Road, 84 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction	
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Capital Bluestone (BJRSL) Pty Ltd ATF the Capital Bluestone (BJRSL) Unit Trust c/- Urbis Pty Ltd	
5	TYPE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	General development over \$30 million	
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY CONSIDERATIONS	 Environmental planning instruments: State Environmental Planning Policy No 55 – Remediation of Land State Environmental Planning Policy No 64 – Advertising Signage State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 – Design Quality of Residential Flat Development State Environmental Planning Policy (BASIX) 2004 State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012 Draft environmental planning instruments: Nil Development control plans: Waverley Development Control Plan 2012 Planning agreements: Nil Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000: Nil Coastal zone management plan: Nil The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality The suitability of the site for the development Any submissions made in accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> or regulations The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development	
7	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY THE PANEL	 Applicant (Urbis) submissions dated 3 July 2018 and 17 July 2018 Council assessment report: 5 July 2018 Written submissions during public exhibition: 51 (includes 27 in support) Verbal submissions at the public meeting: Support – Grant Amer Object – Tom Ackermann, Rodney Duarte, Troy Filson, Jim Degenhardt On behalf of the applicant – Tom Zdun (Capital Bluestone), Simon Wilkes (Urbis), Lisa Maree Carrigan (Group GSA), Bill Harrigan (Bondi Junction RSL). 	
8	MEETINGS AND SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE PANEL	 Site inspection and briefing meeting 7 June 2018 Final briefing meeting to discuss council's recommendation, 19 July 2018 at 12:30 pm. Attendees: 	

		 <u>Panel members</u>: John Roseth (Chair), Peter Brennan, Louise 	
		Camenzuli, Stephen Bargwanna	
		 <u>Council assessment staff</u>: Angela Rossi, Jo Zancanaro, Beth 	
		Matlawski, Mitchell Reid	
9	COUNCIL		
	RECOMMENDATION	Refusal	
10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the council assessment report	